GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – WR Department - Lapses pointed in preparation of Revised Estimates for the works relating to modernization of Kavali canal taken up under EPC package No.94 - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri.G.Chittibabu CE (Retd.) – Imposing a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently – Orders - Issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 12 Dated: 07-01-2019

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.747, WR (Vig.III.1) Deptt, dt. 30.11.2015.
2. WSDs of the Charged Officers, dated.04.01.2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.593, WR (Vig.III.1) Deptt, dt.23.08.2016.
4. From Dr. Prem Chand, IAS (Retd.) CoI, D.O.Lr.No.71/ COI.P/2016, dt.24.10.2016.
5. Govt., Memo No.20953/Vig.III.1/2013-6, dt.31.12.2016.
6. From Sri. G.Chittibabu, CE (Retd.) Explanation, dt.07.03.2017.
7. Govt.Memo.No.20953/Vig.III-1/2013-7, dated.20.12.2017.
8. Letter.No.20953/Vig.III-1/2013-8, dated.04.06.2018, addressed to the Secretary, APPSC, A.P., Vijayawada.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.379/DC&C/2018, dated.05.07.2018.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that certain lapses were pointed out in preparation of Revised Estimates for the works relating to modernization of Kavali canal taken up under EPC package No.94, Somasila Project.

2. Therefore, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri G.Chittibabu, CE and 2 others. Article of Charges were issued against Sri G.Chittibabu, CE (Projects), Water Resources Dept., Kurnool vide G.O. 1st read above, for the lapses pointed out i.e., for making a provision of Rs.6.00 crore towards decretal charges and claim of contractor in EPC package 94 of Kavali canal, in the revised estimate of Somasila Project and also to regularize the unauthorized ayacut of 50,000 acres under Kavali Canal without approval of Government and water allocation for the above ayacut. The Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence vide his letter 2nd read above.

3. In the ref.3rd read above, Dr. Prem Chand, IAS (Retd.) Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department,

was appointed as Inquiry authority to conduct detailed Inquiry on the charges framed against Sri G.Chittibabu, C.E. and 2 others. The Inquiry officer has submitted the inquiry report in the reference 4th read above and concluded that the charges framed against the Charged Officers are sustained and are held proved.

4. Government after careful examination of the inquiry report, have agreed with the findings of the inquiry officer and the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri G.Chittibabu, CE., vide reference 5th read above. The Charged Officer, Sri. G.Chittibabu, CE., has submitted his explanation vide reference 6th read above.

5. After examination of the explanation of the C.O., Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently on Sri G.Chittibabu, C.E, (now Retd.) and issued a show cause notice under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed on him vide Government Memo.7th read above. In response, Sri G.Chittibabu, CE (now Retd.) has furnished his explanation dated. 03.03.2018 and dated.14.04.2018, wherein he has requested that the major penalties proposed for the irregularities be modified and do justice to him.

6. After careful examination, the APPSC was requested to place the proposal of the Government i.e., a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently against Sri G.Chittibabu, CE (the then CE now Retd.) before the Commission and to communicate their concurrence in the reference 8th read above.

7. In the Reference 9th read above, the APPSC has agreed with the proposal of the Government for imposing the proposed penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently against Sri G.Chitti Babu, the then CE now retired.

8. In view of the circumstances stated above, Goverment after careful examination of the matter, have decided, and hereby order to impose a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently on Sri G.Chittibabu, C.E., (now Retd.) under Rule 9 of APRP Rules 1980, for the above lapses pointed in preparation of Revised Estimates.

9. The Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing), Water Resources Department, AP, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR, IAS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G.Chittibabu, C.E.,(Retd.) through Engineer-In-Chief (A.W),

Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing),
Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APPSC, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Officer on Special Duty, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The WR (Ser.II) Department
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SECTION OFFICER